

BANDITS CROSS BORDER AND KILL TWO AMERICANS

INQUIRIES BEGUN TO FIND IF BLAST WAS INCENDIARY

Conflicting Reports Circulated
as to Cause of Jersey
City Explosion.

FOUR DEAD, THREE DYING,
AND TWENTY ARE MISSING

Two Men Are Arrested on
Charges of Manslaughter Be-
cause of Alleged Neglect.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Two men are under arrest today on warrants charging them with manslaughter in indirectly causing the death of one of the victims of the terrific explosion of ammunition on Black Tom pier Sunday. Estimates of the casualties placed the number of dead at four with three more mortally injured, thirty-five suffering from serious injuries and eleven to twenty missing. Estimates of the property loss range from \$25,000,000 to \$45,000,000.

Many persons were on board the barges moored at the burned piers and it is feared have perished. In some quarters it is believed the total number of dead would reach twelve.

Warrant for Third Man.

Those under arrest were Albert M. Dickman, agent of the Lehigh Valley, stationed at Black Tom pier and Alexander Davidson, superintendent of the warehouses of the National Storage company, thirteen of which were destroyed by the fire which followed the explosion. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Theodore B. Johnson, president of a lightering company, one of whose barges loaded with ammunition, is alleged to have been moored at the pier.

The men arrested were held under \$5,000 bail.

Frank Hague, commissioner of public safety of New Jersey, charged that

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USE OF TOBACCO IN STATE GROWS; TAXES PAID IN REVEAL IT

More cigars, cigarettes and pipe tobacco were smoked in Oklahoma during the fiscal year ending today, and more plug, scrap and fine cut chewed than during the previous corresponding period.

This prosperity item is contributed by Hubert L. Bolen, collector of internal revenue for the district of Oklahoma, who says that at least 500 more tobacco dealers paid special taxes into his office this year than last.

Only twelve physicians, dentists and veterinarians subject to the narcotic provision of the "tax" act have not paid their taxes, he says. These will be given thirty days of grace, provided they have been ill or away from their business and make proper application for leniency. Otherwise a penalty of 50 percent will be assessed against them unless they make returns before his office closes tonight.

Austrian Emperor Confined to Bed

LONDON, July 31.—Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, caught a severe chill while inspecting his troops, says a Vienna dispatch forwarded to London by the Hague correspondent of the Tag, change Telegraph company. His majesty is described as being confined to his bed.

Naval Flying Boat Hits 95 Miles in Hour

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., July 31.—Making a test for the United States navy, Aviator Victor Carlstrom, accompanied by Lieutenant Maxfield, U. S. N., made an average speed of a fraction more than ninety-five miles an hour in a new twin tractor flying boat here yesterday, it was announced at the Atlantic coast aeronautical station today.

Hughes' Nomination Blow to Bench

WASHINGTON, July 31.—In a speech today on the Thomas constitutional amendment to make federal judges ineligible to any elective office, Senator Walsh, democrat, declared former Justice Hughes was nominated for the presidency by the republicans "to save his party," not to save the country, and charged that no more deadly blow had ever been aimed at the federal judicial system.

JEERS FOR NEW YORK STRIKE BREAKERS



Breakers in the Bronx, New York, are tied up with a strike and unions threaten to extend the strike to include all New York City.

SPEAKERS GIVEN 'OPEN NIGHT' ON STREET CORNERS

Mayor Overwhelmed With Demands for Permits Lifts Municipal Lid.

Tonight is "open night" for public speakers. Such it has been declared by Mayor Overholser, who succumbed to the crying demand for permits two hours after he opened his office this morning.

The mayor's proclamation is couched very informally. It is verbal, to the effect that "anybody can talk on any corner he wants to about any subject under Heaven tonight."

Exceeds the Corners.

After days and days of unheard-of quietude among the ranks of office seekers, with less than a half dozen bona fide old-fashioned harangues, the demand for municipal corners for speaking hit its zenith this morning early.

Main street at its Broadway intersection is in chief demand. The mayor started to give individual permits for each corner until suddenly he found that more permits had gone out than there were corners.

Recognizes Need.

The mayor immediately recognized the emergency, and with quickness of action and regard for the lackness of the city budget, he lifted the lid and said "go to it," rather than go to the expense of creating half a dozen new and untarnished corners on Main street the night before the primaries.

NEW YORK OFFICIAL TRIES TO END HIS OWN LIFE

ALBANY, N. Y., July 31.—Dr. Cressy L. Willard, director of vital statistics of the state health department, attempted to commit suicide at his home here late Sunday by cutting his throat with a razor.

Unsettled; Cloudy Tonight, Tuesday

Local Forecast—Partly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

State Forecast—Tonight and Tuesday generally unsettled weather.

ARKANSAS—Generally fair.

WEST TEXAS—Unsettled.

KANSAS—Generally fair.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

"Zimmie"



200 BURNED TO DEATH IN FOREST FIRES IN CANADA

Half Dozen Towns Wiped Out, But Reports Are Meager.

ENGLEHART, Ont., July 31.—Despite rumors as to the loss of life in northern Ontario through the wiping out of half a dozen towns by bush fires, accurate figures were lacking today. Figures on hand indicate that at least 200 persons are dead.

The known dead are:

At Neshkoi, 57; at Sohier, 18; Matheson, 34; Ingonis Falls, 17; Ramore, 15; total, 139.

Outlying places are expected to swell the list materially.

Late reports say fires continue to rage in many directions but it is said the worst is over. Some rain fell during the night and helped the fire fighters.

Slocum Exonerated In Columbus Raid

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Extracts from the final report of the inspector-general's department on the Villa raid at Columbus, N. M., made public today by the war department, show that Colonel Herbert J. Slocum of the Thirtieth cavalry has been exonerated from blame for the surprise attack upon his headquarters and the town.

Voting Place Changed.

The voting place for precinct 12 of ward 2 has been changed from 205 East Fourth street to 120 East Fifth street, according to an announcement this afternoon from the county election board.

FIRST RELIEF FROM HOT WAVE REACHES NORTH

Chicago Temperature Drops 20 Degrees After Weather Has Killed 284.

CHICAGO, July 31.—The end of one of the worst periods of hot weather ever experienced in Chicago came today with an eighteen-mile northerly wind. A drop of twenty-one degrees in temperature from 102, the highest reached this year, was recorded at 9 o'clock.

Since the hot spell began on July 10, 284 persons died in Chicago, directly or indirectly from the effects of the heat.

Thirty-one persons died in Milwaukee Sunday. At Racine, Wis., three died. A shower at midnight relieved the situation. Rock Island, Ill., reported two more deaths from the heat.

Burlington, Iowa, reported rain this morning, marking the first break in the hot spell.

At Kansas City a cool wave was forecast for Tuesday. Several points in western Kansas reported light rains during the night.

The Washington weather bureau promises little relief.

EXCHANGE MAY SOLVE INTERMENT PROBLEM

BERLIN, July 31.—There is a strong possibility that the interned civilians question will be settled shortly by a decision to exchange all those other than 45 years old. It is thought those between 45 and 50 will be released, contingent on their willingness for active military service.

ORDER EXPEDITES CATTLE SHIPPING TO THIS CENTER

Packers' Victory: Livestock to Move at Fourteen Miles an Hour in State.

TRANSPORTING SPEED
MORE THAN DOUBLED

Handcap Lifted From Local Industry, Which Fought Slow Movement.

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 31.—Packing houses scored a big victory this morning when the corporation commission issued a final order which will greatly expedite the shipping of livestock from all points within the state to local packers.

By the terms of the order all rail road companies operating in the state are required to move livestock destined for Oklahoma City packing houses at a rate of not less than fourteen miles an hour on main line and twelve miles an hour on branch lines.

Former Slow Movement.

In the past, movement of livestock has been at the rate of only six miles an hour with the result that Oklahoma City packing interests have suffered, shippers preferring to send their stock outside the state for, in some instances, outside packing centers could be reached more quickly than Oklahoma City packing houses.

By the operation of the new order, stock which is loaded at any point in the state late in one afternoon will reach Oklahoma City the following day.

Expedite Shipping.

"The operation of this order, which will greatly expedite the shipping of livestock to Oklahoma City, will save the life of the industry," said Commissioner Henshaw.

The present condition, it is said, had seriously menaced packing house interests here.

TYPHOID GERMS IN CAPITOL HILL WELL

Officers of the city health department, after analyzing a water sample, closed a Capitol Hill well this morning. Typhoid germs in abundance, and other harmful bacteria, it was found, infested the water.

The well is a shallow one at the bottom of two hill slopes. In this region two years ago there were fifty cases of typhoid fever, half of which were fatal. Health officers since that time have kept a close watch on the district.

Henry Edward Duke Is Irish Secretary

LONDON, July 31.—Henry Edward Duke, a barrister and unionist member of parliament for Exeter, was appointed today to be the new chief secretary of Ireland, succeeding Augustine Birrell. The new chief secretary will be given a seat in the cabinet.

Illinois Miners Die in Gas Blast

PANA, Ill., July 31.—Four miners were killed in an explosion in Spring Side mine here early today.

The fan at the mine had been shut down for a day and gas had collected. When the men entered the shaft their open lamps ignited it.

Moans of German Wounded Begging Water Penetrate Above Noise of Battle

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE FIELD, July 30.—(Via London, July 31.)—French and British soldiers made today's attack in the sweltering midsummer heat. The first real hot wave of the season struck northern France Saturday night and this morning British and French infantry operated in an action north of the Somme in front of Guillemont and Maurepas.

For the last few days the one word on everybody's tongue has been visibility, which has come into universal use since Admiral Jellicoe's naval battle report. Persistent had light or low visibility which did not permit the gunners to register their targets had delayed any important infantry action.

Saturday the light became better as the heat grew tropical and offensive operations were renewed.

Perspiration made white water courses in the dust of the men's faces today and their eyes looked out through masks so thick that their faces seemed to be covered with some kind of armor. Motor trucks passed like phantoms in thick clouds on the road. Gunners, stripped to their skin, kept on serving their guns at top speed. Breathing came hard in the mixture of dust and shell smoke. Soldiers who reached Guillemont spoke of the fearful carnage among the Germans from the severe gunfire, owing to the masses of Germans concentrated under the British bombardment before the infantry attacks. They said they could hear the moans of the German wounded for water above the bombing and rifle and machine gun fire. With the news of the shooting of Captain Fryatt fresh in their minds the British went into the charge afresh swearing that they would avenge his death.

Small Band of Villa Followers Wiped Out By Troop of Cavalry

Raiders Enter United States to Steal Horses, but Are Given Surprise Attack by Troop of Regulars and More Than Two Hundred Shots Are Fired in Exterminating Party.

EL PASO, Texas, July 31.—Two Americans were killed and one was wounded in a clash with Mexican bandits who had crossed the Rio Grande five miles below Fort Hancock, Texas, early today. There were five bandits in the party.

Private John Twomey, F. Troop, Eighth United States cavalry, and Robert Woods, a United States customs inspector, were killed. Sergeant Lewis Thompson, F. Troop, eighth cavalry, was seriously wounded.

More than two hundred shots were fired during the engagement, it is reported. The Mexicans, it is believed, had crossed the line in an attempt to steal horses.

Their presence was discovered by American outposts and they were surprised and attacked by the cavalry patrol. The Mexicans mounted on good horses, attempted to flee. They were intercepted and forced to fight.

Belonged to Villa Band.

Reports reaching here say the efforts to identify any of the Mexicans had been futile, but that it was believed they were members of one of the Villa bands reported to be operating south of the Rio Grande in that section.

Reports to Gen. George Bell jr., commanding the El Paso military district, indicate all the bandits have been killed.

Believed None Escaped.

American patrols had reported that a small detachment of Mexicans had crossed the Rio Grande and apparently was making its way toward an isolated section about fifty miles down the river. It was believed that they were either smugglers or stock thieves.

A small detachment of F. Troop, Eighth cavalry was sent in pursuit. The Mexicans were surprised and it is believed that none escaped.

Passengers Are Saved When Ship Runs Into Mine

Small Boats Taking Many to Safety After Mishap to Dutch Steamer.

LONDON, July 31.—The Dutch mail steamship Koninigin Wilhelmina, has struck a mine near the North Hinder lightship, says a Reuter dispatch from The Hague. The passengers left the vessel in the lifeboats and made for the lightship.

The captain reported by wireless that only the aft part of the vessel was out of the water. Boats with the passengers are proceeding to the Dutch coast.

Steamers and torpedo boat destroyers have been dispatched to the assistance of the Koninigin Wilhelmina.

The Koninigin Wilhelmina was a steel paddle boat and plied between Flushing and Sheerness. The vessel was of 1,904 tons gross.

General Bell's information was based on a report received from the officer commanding at Fort Hancock. A detailed report is being sent in by messenger.

Anthony to Head Finance Committee

William B. Anthony, member of the state capital commission, has been appointed chairman of the state committee to handle the national democratic campaign fund in Oklahoma. He was notified this morning of the appointment by W. W. Marsh of New York City, who wired the information.

Hankow, China, Mob Loots and Kills

PEKING, July 31.—In a revolutionary outbreak in Hankow Sunday night a large district was burned and looted and many natives were killed and some Russian women injured before foreign volunteers checked the uprising.

MYSTERY ABOUT SLUMBERING GIRL

Couple Held by Police Following Night Call; Case Set for Hearing.

Laura "Peggy" Ramsey, a 17-year-old girl who was taken to the Emergency hospital last night after being in a deep sleep for several hours, was sent to her home this morning apparently without ill effects from her night's experience.

G. E. Burkhardt and Evangeline Burkhardt, with whom the girl was, are being held on a charge of disorderly conduct. Their hearing in municipal court was set for this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mystery surrounds the arrests. A woman's voice over the telephone last night called to police, saying that a woman was being killed in a house at Fourth street and Durand avenue. The three people were arrested at the house mentioned. On their arrival at the police station, the Ramsey girl, showing evidences that she was from the country and unacquainted with city ways, fell into a deep sleep from which the combined efforts of officers and City Physician Hunter could not rouse her.

She was taken to the emergency hospital where she recovered consciousness shortly before daybreak. She was allowed to leave without being closely questioned.